

from .5 cm to 10 cms. (.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 cm and higher)."

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The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his claimed composition and articles are novel and patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his application embodies a significant discovery, that the claims define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the amended claims are allowable.

The Specification is amended to correct formal matters (which Applicant missed) without affecting the scope of the claims.

The amendment do not involve new matter or new issues and are not made for reason of any prior art. Since the amendments require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office, consideration and entry is requested by Applicant.

With respect to the newly cite art US Patent No. 5,618,595, Applicant first became aware of it when Examiner mentioned it during an interview on 2/24/2000. Applicant was provided a copy of said '595 patent on March 2, 2000 which was attached to the Notice of Allowability.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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